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Travis County District Attorney Margaret Moore & Williamson County District Attorney Shawn Dick issued the following joint statement on the Javier Ambler case:

Our Offices are in the process of a joint investigation into the death of Javier Ambler. We are united in our purpose in obtaining long deserved answers for the family of Mr. Ambler. We are sorry for their loss and will do everything in our power to address the circumstances around his death, including the lack of cooperation with the investigation.

Although we have been working together for some time, we are making this announcement now because both offices have recently received numerous contacts regarding Mr. Ambler's death and wish to assure both his family and the community that the investigation will be thorough and justice will be vigorously pursued. We want to emphasize that this is not a partisan or political undertaking. This is a search for the truth and is necessary because even now we have not obtained the information we seek from Williamson County Sheriff Robert Chody, despite his public statements pledging cooperation.

In order to pursue justice in the matter of the death of Javier Ambler, our offices are sharing resources and information to coordinate a unified investigation. The Travis County D.A.'s Civil Rights Unit, in conjunction with the Austin Police Department, is taking the lead in the officers' use of force investigation, while the Williamson County D.A.'s Office will take the lead in the investigation involving possible tampering with evidence by personnel from Williamson County Agencies who have had contact or communications with the television show, Live PD.

Due to the nature of Grand Jury investigations, we will not be able to address specific questions about these ongoing investigations at this time.

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